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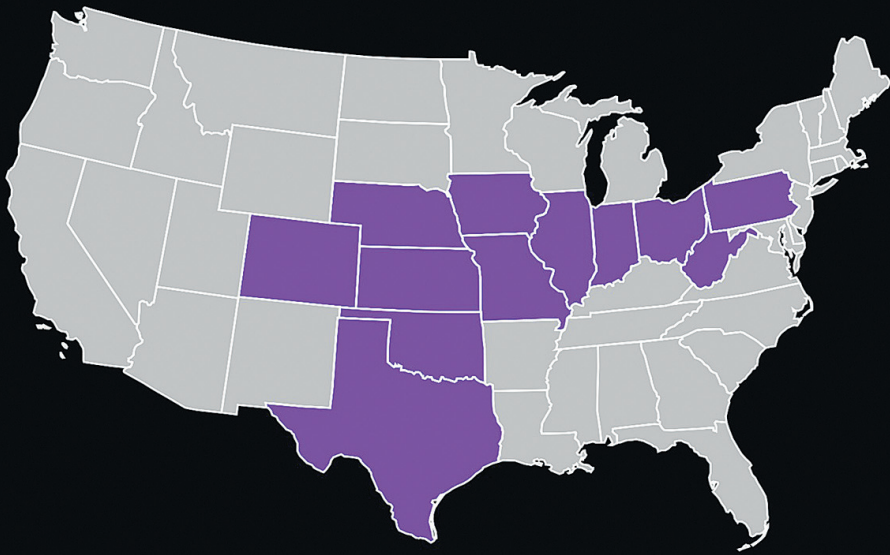
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Robert Lipson

Following K-State's #1 Fan

An Opportunity

What started out as an idea to visit all of the conference stadiums has since become an almost 100,000 mile journey that has taken Lipson through 12 states in 41 years.



Where have Lipson's travels taken him as he's followed the Wildcats?

Decades of travel

Lipson attended his first game in October of 1973 at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. Every decade since he has had seen an increase in travel time as the conference has expanded with teams even further away.

Had Lipson always driven his 2000 Nissan Frontier to the games he would have used approximately 3,842 gallons of gas. In today's dollars, that amounts to about \$11,487.93.

Midterms foreshadow success, failures

By KALEIGH LORENZ
THE COLLEGIAN

Midterms are meant to evaluate students on the information they've learned by the midpoint of the semester. Its distribution is a beacon of hope that the end is in sight for some. For others, however, it triggers the realization that they should be paying more attention in class.

The weight midterms carry, however, varies on how professors utilize it.

"Midterms are different in every class," Noah Parsons, junior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, said. "Some classes only have a midterm and a final to make up the entire grade, that makes the midterms in those classes a lot more important than just another test."

Haylee Wiggins, sophomore in elementary education, said she has had to pull several all-nighters to be prepared for her midterms this semester.

"I always seem to wait until the last couple of days to start studying," Wiggins said. "Doing that probably hurts my grade, but I am just a procrastinator."

Some students, like Wiggins, wait until the last minute to cram all of their studying in. Other students take a different approach, though, and prepare themselves for their midterms.

"During lectures, I do my best to take detailed notes that illustrate what we are learning," Parsons said. "Then, when midterms come around, I have a solid amount of notes to study. Teachers spend all semester teaching what

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Union architects seek student input

By LINDSEY LEARDI
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Student groups, alongside organizations who occupy the K-State Student Union, met with the architects from Bowman Bowman Novick, Inc. and Workshop Architects Inc. Thursday to discuss the coming renovation.

Workshop Architects described itself as a 20-person "boutique" firm based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Jan van den Kieboom, owner of Workshop, led the discussion.

"Our real interest is in social ergonomics, or how space impacts socialization patterns, and it's driven us towards a practice that's heavily involved in student centers," van den Kieboom said.

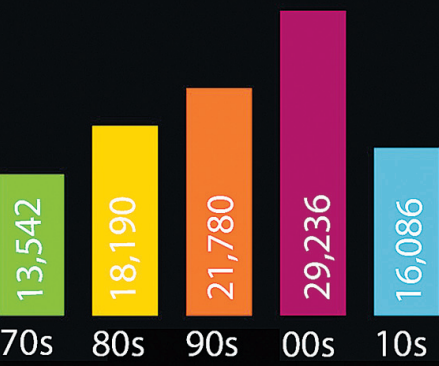
Workshop is interested in creating a more experiential path, in order to keep students in the Union instead of having them just pass through. Another priority of the firm is making the building more visually permeable, so that people can see what's going on inside and outside the Union.

"What we heard was that the whole building 'didn't feel right,'" van den Kieboom said. "It needs to be warmer, (have) more texture, feel more like a family room and it should have lots and lots of purple."

An analysis of the Union's facilities was completed by Bowman Bowman Novick's team. The facility-condition assessment determined that the building's mechanical systems,

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Miles traveled



Decade

Miles Lipson has traveled over the decades

By the numbers

STREAK



161

Straight conference road football games

WINNING PERCENTAGE



42%

Or 127 wins in 302 conference appearances

MILES TRAVELED



98,834

Miles traveled from Manhattan to stadiums for 41 years

When at home



121

Section located in the South end zone in BSFS

Graph by Emily DeShazer

Compiled using Piktochart

By ADAM SUDERMAN
THE COLLEGIAN

When stepping into Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kansas on Oct. 13, 1973, all Robert Lipson could prove was that he was there to see the Sunflower State rivals hook up in their Big Eight openers.

Now, 41 years later, the super fan

carries a streak of attending 161-straight road conference games that began on that second Saturday of the month.

For the Sullivan County, New York native, coming to Manhattan, Kansas was a road to a potential career in biology with an emphasis in protozoology and virology, which were two of his biggest interests at the time.

Though an academic career didn't seem to fit for Lipson, his interest in K-State football still stands unparalleled

to this day.

Other than Bill Snyder, four coaches have stepped to the forefront of the Wildcats' program since Lipson first attended games. When he first began his attendance stretch, Vince Gibson was in the midst of his seventh year in Manhattan and Lipson is the first to admit that K-State was the lowest of lows in the college football world.

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INSIDE



3 Keyboard application ranks among top in market



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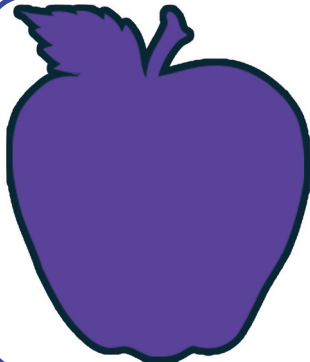
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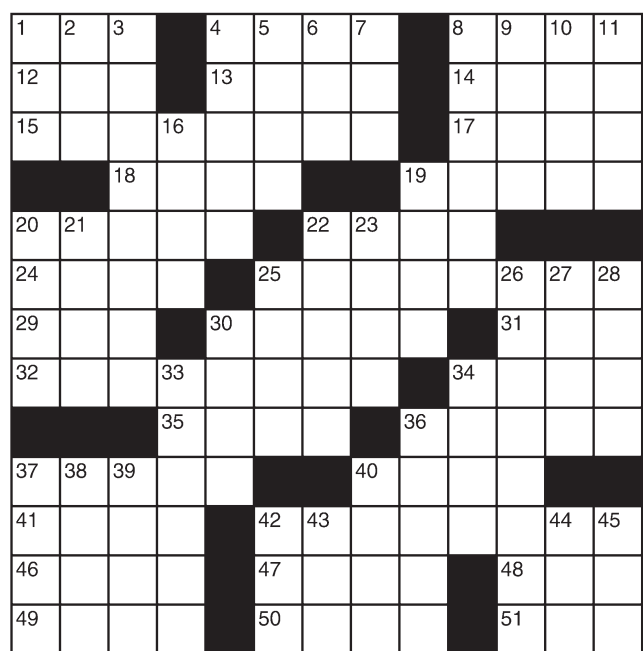
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26 Prior
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30 Wield a swizzle stick
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34 Boo-Boo's mentor
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Yesterday's answer 10-17



10-17 CRYPTOQUIP

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P V C W D C L C P E P X T C ! K T Z I Y .

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHEN PEOPLE'S WRIST BONES GET BADLY DAMAGED, PHYSICIANS MAY WANT THEM TO TRY CARPALS THERAPY.
Today's Cryptogram Clue: T equals L

THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Charles Samuel Harmon, of Emmett, was booked for violating protection orders and criminal trespass. No bond was listed.

Justin Ryan Kendrick, of 3000 block of Sandstone Drive, was booked for two counts of vehicle burglary, felony theft of motor fuel, three counts of felony theft, fleeing or attempting to elude police and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$36,000.

Christena Katherine Gordon, of Marysville, was booked for giving a worthless check. Bond was set at \$370.

Mary Colleen Watson, of the 200 block of S. 6th St., was booked for driving under the influence. No bond was listed.

Timothy Morse Boucher, of the 800 block of N. Manhattan Ave., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Thursday, Oct. 16

Timothy Earl Patrick, no address, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens, use or possession of paraphernalia with intent for use in the human body and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,678.50.

Skylor Cole Alexander, of 744 De Hoff Drive, was booked for driving under the influence, driving a vehicle without ignition interlock and refusing a breath test. Bond was set at \$3,250.

Emily Ann Summers, of the 1000 block of Denison Ave., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

10-11 CRYPTOQUIP

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P E B Y C Z J E B P E B R C Z J E B .

Yesterday's Cryptogram: PART OF THE UNIVERSE HAVING PLANETS FULLY INHABITED BY ACADEMIC TYPES: THE SCHOLAR SYSTEM.
Today's Cryptogram Clue: R equals F

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a Collegian error, an equestrian rider was misidentified in a caption on the front page Tuesday. The caption should read, "Taylor Schmidt, sophomore hunt seat rider, takes a jump on her horse Maverick at the Sept. 25 meet against New Mexico State at Timbercreek Stables."

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May be struggling through classes today, but celebrating the Royals win was worth it.

Shout out to the alumni visiting campus today.

I want seven next week.

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Such a beautiful day on a beautiful campus.

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SwiftKey keyboard application: a swipe in the right direction, intuitive

BRIAN HAMPEL
THE COLLEGIAN

When my Verizon provider told me that keyboard phones had gone out of style, I was distraught until SwiftKey keyboard app came to my rescue. The default Google Keyboard was frustrating to me. I use punctuation when I text (don't judge me) and Google Keyboard's punctuation interface was clunky and inconvenient. I also couldn't use it at all with one hand or finger. Typing coherent texts required both hands and my full attention. After a few days of not texting my girlfriend because it was too much trouble, I searched around for something more usable – SwiftKey was the answer.

I tried all of the major keyboard apps, and most of them had some fatal

quirk. Swype had the great Swype-typing feature that worked wonderfully for typing one-handed, but it, too, had a difficult relationship with its punctuation marks. Minuum, as its name would suggest, had a minimalistic interface that could condense the three letter rows of a keyboard into a single small row at the bottom of the touchscreen, but in doing so, it relied heavily on autocorrection and autocorrection has trouble with unusual words. If I wanted tell a friend that I had just played an epic game of Settlers of Catan, fixing the word "Catan" was more trouble than it was worth. Kii Keyboard was great and tremendously customizable, but its punctuation bar never knew which sign I was trying to tap and the punctuation layout on the keyboard wasn't always intuitive to me. SwiftKey doesn't have everything, but it comes close.

Like some keyboards, SwiftKey has a useful system for punctuation and special characters. Each letter on the keyboard has a symbol associated with it (e.g. K and L are also home to left and right parentheses respectively), and you can type the symbol by



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simply holding down the letter instead of tapping it. SwiftKey also has an option to set the length of time to trigger the symbol, and I find the default 450 milliseconds to be comfortable.

Unlike some keyboards, SwiftKey's symbol layout makes intuitive sense. Frequently used symbols like the apostrophe, quotation marks

and dollar sign are grouped together. Minus, plus and equal signs are all next to each other on the G, H and J keys. Left and right parentheses are next to each other, as are left and right brackets. These seem obvious, but it's surprising how many keyboards can miss the mark on their symbol layouts.

SwiftKey was the most

intuitive of the bunch to my mind, but that's not to say it's perfect. Not everything can be customized. For example, the symbol layout, sensible though it is, can't be changed, even though I'd like to move the underscore. SwiftKey will always make a space after a punctuation mark or an auto-completed word, even if I don't want it to. The punctuation shortcut in the bottom right cannot be customized, so it will have a period, comma, question mark, exclamation point and nothing else. I want to add parentheses and colons, both for complex sentences and for making smileys, but no such luck. The special character system works well, but that little bit of customization would have been nice.

SwiftKey's developers like to tout its word prediction system, calling it "the keyboard that learns from you" because it can make educated guesses as to what I'll be typing next based on how I have written in the past. It can also look through Facebook and Gmail to improve its guesses, though I never allowed it to. The smart predictions aren't inaccurate, but I don't use them often. SwiftKey displays

three possible predictions for the word I'm going to type next, and even if one of them is right, looking at the three predictions and tapping the correct one usually takes more time than just typing the word manually.

It's Swype-style gesture typing, called SwiftKey Flow, is very usable, though I still prefer pecking letters in most cases. Flow almost always knows what I'm trying to type when I'm being lazy (even the unusual words like "Carcassonne"), which might actually be a good example of SwiftKey's ability to "learn from you."

SwiftKey is well supported by its development team, but I wish they would put more effort into the little customizations instead of the smart prediction system I hardly ever use. Still, SwiftKey's punctuation layout, gesture typing, the existing customizations and even its graphic design make it the best Android keyboard on the market.

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Sampling: musical version of plagiarism, digital piracy



PATRICK WHITE
THE COLLEGIAN

The music industry has made a big deal of digital piracy being a crime since the dawn of the Internet. The Recording Industry Association of America shared a study by the Institute for Policy Innovation, which put the losses from piracy at over \$12 billion annually, with more than 70,000 behind-the-scenes workers losing their jobs.

The RIAA also pointed out that music sales shrank to half its size since 1999 when Napster was launched, from \$14.6 billion to about \$7 billion last year.

Much like piracy is hurting the music industry, another kind of theft is going on.

As piracy continues to plague the music industry, another culprit has emerged disguised under the blasé name of “sampling.” This is where a new song is composed of bits of other songs – often popular songs.

A famous example of sampling is when rapper Vanilla Ice sampled Queen’s “Under Pressure” back in the ‘90s to create “Ice Ice Baby.”

Sampling is the musical version of plagiarism, where the parts that sound good get taken by those who don’t want to do the work to be original or respectful. And since the music industry on the whole seems to be very okay with the practice, it

sounds like a very hypocritical stance to have while blaring the horn on piracy.

Sir Mix-A-Lot said to Billboard that he really likes what Nicki Minaj did with his song “Baby Got Back” when she remixed it to create “Anaconda.” Marvin Gaye’s family has been less than thrilled with Robin Thicke’s use of a “Got to Give It Up” riff in “Blurred Lines,” so much so that Marvin Gaye’s estate has been embroiled in a lawsuit with Thicke for over the past year.

We, as consumers, can see this go on, just as it happened before with Vanilla Ice sampled Queen, and with MC Hammer and others before them. There is even a website, called WhoSampled, which uses crowdsourcing via user submissions to track the practice as much as possible.

It’s understandably

confusing, since we’re told that one form of stealing is wrong by the same industry that engages in another. The argument of “sampling harms no one” works as well as when pirates use it as their catch phrase, nor does saying it’s free publicity.

Why does it not work? The generation gap. Thicke’s fans weren’t alive when Gaye’s work was popular. Unless Thicke specifically said his new song was inspired by Gaye’s song, no one would know unless a very attentive DJ or listener pointed it out. While we can use Google to prevent plagiarism, it takes a familiar ear to hear sampling.

When it happens, nobody knows because of the musical divide between generations. This isn’t exposing the past to the young folk in a constructive way though – it’s more akin to robbing musicians blind by reselling their songs to people who haven’t heard them before. And it doesn’t need to be years past; it could be a popular musician taking songs from lesser known musicians. If you are a fan of the oldies, you might have noticed how similar Chuck Berry’s

“Johnny B. Goode” sounds to the Beach Boys song “Fun Fun Fun.”

If you don’t, you might recognize Chuck Berry as the artist Marty McFly stole his hit from when he went back in time and invented rock music. The joke from “Back to the Future” was that here is another guy that was made famous from Berry’s work.

Sampling is a straight ripoff, unlike parodies. Weird Al’s parodies are protected under the doctrine of fair use. But that really isn’t a problem since he asks for permission, like he told

Forbes, from the original artist before he goes onto make something like “Handy,” his parody of Iggy Azalea’s “Fancy.”

Also, sampling isn’t a cover. A cover is a wholesale reproduction of the original. In both of those cases, everyone knows that this is a homage paid to the original artist. Nobody thinks that Korn was the original composer of “Another Brick in the Wall” – it was Pink Floyd. Those who don’t ask for permission before repurposing part or all of a song under the guise of sampling are flat out stealing. By not calling it what it is, the music industry is making it hard for people to care one way or the other.

The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of The Collegian.

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Vehicles can be a beneficial asset on campus if managed responsibly



CHLOE CREAGER
THE COLLEGIAN

A 2008 study conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute indicated that the amount of young licensed drivers has been decreasing steadily over the past 25 years.

Two years later, a follow-up of the study showed the trend remained consistent; the amount of 19-year-olds with a driver’s license dropped from 87 percent in 1983 to around 70 percent in 2010.

Despite this drop, it is more important now than ever for students to have access to a vehicle or easily accessible transportation.

There are many benefits

to owning your own vehicle, if you can afford one. More than 7,500 K-State students are from out of state, and without a car these students would be stranded in a unfamiliar city, completely reliant on others for transportation.

Another positive aspect of car ownership is being free to travel whenever you need or want. If a student has a job more than a couple miles away from campus,

needs for travel non-school related activities, or needs to get back home in case of some sort of emergency, having a car can be extremely important.

With this freedom,

however, comes a large list of responsibilities.

There are several things to consider before bringing your vehicle with you to college. According to CollegeView, students need to be aware of their

school’s parking policy and other restrictions.

K-State’s parking policy allows any student to bring a vehicle to campus if they wish; however, parking on campus is a costly venture. Annual parking permits range from \$170 for a student parking pass to \$610 for a reserved stall in the parking garage to \$1,300 for a 24-hour reserved stall on campus, according to

K-State Parking Services.

According to CollegeView, you also need to ensure that your driver’s license and car insurance are up to date. It also recommends ensuring all

car maintenance is taken care of before arriving on campus, always keeping your vehicle locked and leaving no valuables in it, and knowing your policy on loaning your car to others or driving them around.

It’s also helpful to have an awareness of campus traffic. Attempting to drive between classes is a guaranteed hassle, and as K-State

sells more permits than there are students, finding a parking spot can be a rarity.

Bringing a car to campus isn’t students’ only option, however. Riding a bicycle, motorcycle or moped are some possible alternatives.

Though these modes of transportation may not be

ideal for a student who needs to travel outside of Manhattan, it can be more convenient for those who simply need transportation within city limits.

K-State also offers shuttle transportation with the Park ‘n’ Ride Area

Transportation Agency and Jardine ATA bus routes. Although these operate on a set schedule and primarily transport students around campus, ATA bus routes are a valuable resource. Students could also use one of many local taxi services for transportation across the entire town, although these can get costly very quickly.

Having a vehicle on campus can be a valuable asset to a college student, if they know how to handle it. There are many risks, costs and responsibilities associated with owning a car or truck, but in many ways the benefits will

outweigh these.

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Street Talk

COMPILED BY RENEE DICK

Q: “What are you dreading most about winter?”



TASHA BARKER
FRESHMAN
OPEN OPTION

“The weather because I do not like the cold and I don’t want to break out my coveralls.”



CAROLINE TOLER
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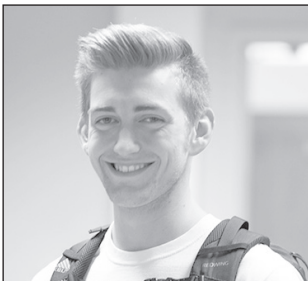
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K-State awaits showdown with undefeated Texas

By TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

On the heels of a four-game winning streak, No. 25 K-State (17-2, 4-1) volleyball will face easily their biggest test of the season as they welcome Texas (13-0, 5-0) on Saturday.

K-State is coming off of a clean sweep of TCU in Fort Worth, Texas on Wednesday, while Texas brings a resume that includes a sweep of Arizona, who gave the Wildcats one of their two losses earlier in the season.

First serve for K-State and Texas is at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Ahearn Fieldhouse.

Simply put, the Longhorns have dominated the series both in Austin and in Manhattan with K-State last getting a win against them in 2003.

So far, K-State has found success on the wings of great defense and steady, while not always efficient, offense.

K-State ranks first in the Big 12 in total blocks and has two players in the top five, senior middle blocker Natali Jones at first and sophomore middle blocker Katie Reininger at second.

Reininger was also recently named the Big 12 offensive player of the week for her games against TCU and Iowa State.

Arguably the greatest one-two punch in the Big 12 has started to throw more punches.

Freshman outside hitter Kylee Zumach has torn through the season, ranking third in the conference with 252 kills. Following close behind her, sophomore outside hitter Brooke Sassin continues to be a force to be reckoned with ranking eighth with 216 kills.

K-State middle blockers, Jones, Reininger

and senior outside hitter Chelsea Keating have been able to put up some key points and at times have been dominant.

Keating's serving has been on point so far this season with 24 total aces putting her at fourth best in the Big 12.

Libero Kersten Kober has also been a key asset for the Wildcats this season with her ability to sacrifice her body in attempt to keep plays alive. The sophomore ranks fourth in the conference with 267 digs on the season.

Sophomore setter Katie Brand, who was the defending Big 12 defensive player of the week, ranks third in the Big 12 in both total assists and assists per set with 780 and 11.14, respectively.

Texas has been the most efficient team on both sides of the ball in the Big 12 this season as it ranks first in hitting percentage, hitting percentage allowed and blocks.

They are last in both total kills and kills per set, but they have also played the least amount of sets this season.

The Longhorns are led offensively by sophomore middle blocker Chiaka Ogbogu, who leads the Big 12 in hitting efficiency with .410 percent. Senior outside hitter Haley Eckerman leads the Longhorns in kills with 117.

Defensively, junior middle blocker Molly McCage leads her team and is ranked second in the Big 12 in blocks per set. Ogbogu is also ninth in the Big 12 with 53 blocks.

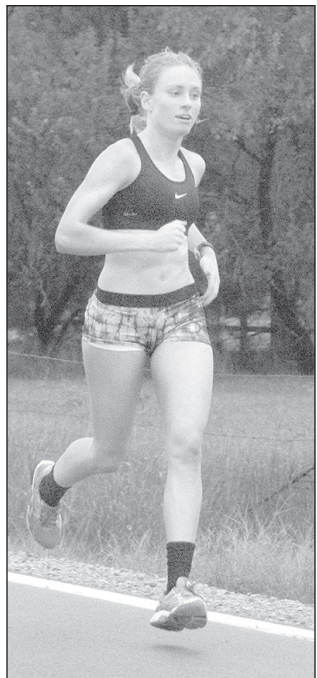
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Senior middle blocker **Natali Jones** serves to Iowa State on Oct. 8 in Ahearn Fieldhouse. The Wildcats will take on the Texas Longhorns today in Ahearn in a top 25 match up.



Cross country prepares for largest meet of season

By EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN



TAYLOR ALDERMAN | THE COLLEGIAN

Morgan Wedekind, sophomore runs during a morning cross country practice on Sept. 10.

After performing well at the Chili Pepper Festival in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the K-State cross country teams are preparing to take part in one of the largest cross country meets of the year: the Pre-National Invitational.

In the annual event, teams from around the country get to see the course that will play host to the national championships in little over a month. The La Vern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course, which has hosted 10 of the last 12 national championship meets, will host 168 teams for Saturday morning and afternoon competition in Vigo County, Indiana.

The Wildcats will see their fiercest competition of the year. The women, participating in the more advanced blue race, will take on six of

the top 25 cross country teams in the nation, including three of the top five programs.

The women's team is coming off of a race against No. 5 Arkansas and K-State head coach Ryun Godfrey, who will be heading into his second competition at the helm of the team, learned a lot from the experience of taking on the best the nation has to offer.

"For Arkansas, this is the best team that they've ever had," Godfrey said. "It was good to see Arkansas (last meet). It is kind of like taking steps with each meet, because this will be a great meet to run at (as well)."

While the last race proved that the Wildcats top five might be the best all-around team that they've had in a while, it also measured the amount of improvement of senior runner Erika Schiller.

In her first race of the season, Schiller finished 35th and helped add much-needed

depth to the Wildcats' top five.

"I was impressed with Erika because she hadn't been racing, so she kind of just fit right in there with the top four girls," Godfrey said. "We just have to try close the gap between fifth and our top four."

Schiller's teammates also found it positive that their teammate picked up where she left off last season.

"For her first race, it was pretty good," Wedekind said. "We definitely need her racing, because she helps out our team a lot."

The Wildcats hope that their top five runners, bolstered by the experience of senior Laura Galvan and sophomore Morgan Wedekind, can manage to run with the front group in the very competitive blue group.

"There is going to be a lot of ranked teams (at this meet)," Wedekind said. "We're all going to work our hardest and compete."

Gone Fishing

Students present research at annual event

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

The third annual Midwest Fisheries Student Colloquium was held Friday and Saturday at the Konza Prairie Biological Station. The colloquium is hosted annually by the K-State Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society. The American Fisheries Society is a national group, and K-State has its own subunit made up of graduate and undergraduate students. According to the society's Web site, its mission is to "improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems." The society accomplishes this goal by promoting events for students across the U.S. who are interested in or are studying fish or aquatic science. The colloquium is meant to attract students attending universities around the Midwest who are studying fish or aquatic ecosystems. Joe Gerken, president of the K-State group and graduate student in biology, said the purpose of the colloquium is to further the professional development of students studying fisheries at K-State and other Midwestern universities. There were 45 students who attended from Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. "Friday night consisted of a meal, social and poster session," said Andrea Severson, secretary and treasurer of the K-State group and graduate student in fisheries. Gerken said the purpose of the social was to engage the students in an informal environment to build professional relationships with one another.

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LIPSON | Superfan to exceed 100,000 traveled miles for away games

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"When Stan Parrish was the coach here, and even Jim Dickey before him, the only two games that I bought tickets for were Kansas and Nebraska," Lipson said. "They always sold out. Nebraska traveled and filled up our stadium and the Kansas game sold out because it was a big deal even when both teams sucked."

When he first attended games as a student, he was without his, now customary, purple foam finger, but a tradition that led to the modern versions of Lipson's gadgets began with a homemade creation.

this is an image
"When I was a student I would always buy the (K-State) pennant," Lipson said. "I'd tie them to a stick and bring them to games. But when (they) came out with foam fingers, I purchased those. When Ballard's Sporting Goods was still operating, Steve Ballard used to order foam hands for me and I'd ask for overrun samples. So I have a supply. I have to have something in my hands when I go to games and this identifies me in some way. I always carry it around when I'm at bowl games, tournaments, road games and home games."

Not known to be the most durable of fan necessities, foam fingers have a rather short lifespan. However, with demand comes supply, and Lipson is armed and ready with extras for the present and future.

"I use about one of them

a year," Lipson said. "I'll start a new one for basketball, but I have enough to keep me through this decade and into the next. I'll probably have to make some by myself out of cardboard or whatever when I run out. I'll have to look for them at K-State's Super Store if they have them there or the Cat Claw or something like that."

Lipson didn't specifically mention how the door to the Vanier Football Complex opened for his increased exposure to the team, but he's grateful for the trend that began in the late 1970s.

"When Jim Dickey was here, I would go to practices; I was unemployed and drawing (workers) compensation," Lipson said. "I'd come to (Vanier) and watch practice and attend team meetings and know the players and coaches really well. I did some of that with Stan Parrish and it carried over into Bill Snyder. I guess he knew who I was at the time and let me hang around here."

Hunger for K-State football isn't all that brings Lipson to the complex. He also serves as a salesman for Brown & Bigelow, a local distributor of pens, calendars and office supplies.

Outside of his business ventures, Lipson carries close ties with the equipment department for the team. In fact, he'll often assist with the loading and unloading of the game equipment for home and away games.

Traveling in his own car, Lipson often finds his own way to and from each road contest,



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

Robert Lipson talks with Auburn fans before the game on Sept. 18 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

while spending the night in his vehicle as well.

"I always leave in advance," Lipson said. "I help (football equipment manager) Al (Cerbe) unload and set the equipment truck and set up the locker room. I help out on Fridays before most road games that I attend."

The lone exception to Lipson's plans comes when the Wildcats make their trip to Lawrence once every other year. The salesman conducts business in Lawrence and Topeka as he works his way to Memorial Stadium for the game.

For the die-hard K-State fan, being a part of the process

that helps "set the table" for a road game is just as exciting as when he first stepped alongside the equipment staff.

"(They) pull in that great big equipment truck and I wave at them all excited," Lipson said, imitating his wave with his famous foam finger in hand.

One unique story of Lipson's travels began when he waved goodbye to Jack Hartman's basketball team in 1981 as they headed to Columbia, Missouri and he was there when they arrived.

"I took off right after the team bus left and I waved them goodbye and told them good luck and then I hitchhiked to

Columbia on the Friday before," Lipson said. "I got there before the team did, because kids pick up kids and they like to go fast. We're going 80 miles per-hour on the interstate and we got there before the team bus did."

Conveniently enough, he ran into Hartman prior to the team's departure for Manhattan after the game.

"I told him (Jack Hartman) that my car broke down and he asked me where my car was, which was in Manhattan," Lipson said. "He said, 'Get on, get on.'"

To say the program was in dark times prior to Snyder's arrival is an understatement. Once William the Conqueror (as Lipson has personally labeled Snyder) took over, the direction of K-State football turned from the cellar to the heavens.

"What you have to remember (is) Kansas State football was in worse shape than the Kansas Jayhawks are right now and ever will be," Lipson said. "Nobody thought he'd get it done. This is just another guy who's going to come in here and go. This was a graveyard for coaching. He had such a gentle, easy-going and placid demeanor. He wasn't one of these rough-tough mentalities and image of toughness that most coaches and players had."

Lipson's relationship with Snyder has been well documented and lead to a perspective of the program that few can compare with.

"I probably know more about what the inside of a college football program looks like and how it works better than anybody else who has never played, coached or worked in any way with a college foot-

ball program," Lipson said. "I did that (by) looking around and coming inside a lot, being with the teams, observing and noticing the difference between good coaches and bad coaches. I learned a lot of things and I'm still learning."

As any dedicated fan would say, Lipson still dreams of what it would be like to see a national championship trophy in the Little Apple. Once it happens, it'll be unlike anything he has seen over the last 41 years.

"All I ask for is to win the national championship just once in my lifetime, either in football or men's basketball," Lipson said. "Once I accomplish that, I'll be satisfied. I don't need to win another one. I'll go to the games and I'll feel like my destiny has been fulfilled. It'll be much easier to do so."

The process hasn't always been smooth for Lipson. Working to become more financially stable, he contemplated his approach to his streak in 1993.

"I had to keep it going," Lipson said of the strenuous times. "If I missed a road game, then I would have thrown away four decades of my life. I couldn't do that."

Lipson's infamous streak will be stretched to 162 consecutive road conference games after Saturday's 11 a.m. game at No. 11 Oklahoma. By the end of the year he will tally more than 100,000 miles, stemming from total ground covered in between trips from Manhattan to stadiums in other Big Eight/12 communities.

As the Wildcats sit at 4-1 on the season, obviously a full season's evaluation has yet to be made. However, Lipson has his sights set on Jan. 12 when the national championship game will be played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"The Wildcats will be in Jerry's World on Jan. 12 playing a football game, so that when it actually happens I'll have egg on my face and it'll certainly taste delicious," Lipson said. "I look forward to seeing you there."

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Students advised to be more careful picking health insurance

According to Roberta Riportella, professor of community health, students do not spend as much time as they should when picking out health insurance.

"According to a recent consumer report, people spend about 15 minutes choosing a health insurance plan, which is significantly less than the two hours spent on average choosing a television," Riportella said in a K-State news release Thursday. "Health insurance is one of the most expensive items we purchase in a given year. Since policies often change from year to year, it's important to spend time considering your options."

In the article, Riportella explains how from year-to-year, insurance networks change, meaning a doctor who took a certain type of insurance one year may not. According to Riportella, this has been that way since before the current health care laws to effect. Those shopping for insurance should mainly be concerned with three things: the deductible, the network of providers and the cost-sharing amount.

Two patients removed from isolation at Topeka Hospital

Two patients are out of isolation at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center in Topeka, according to the Topeka Capital Journal.

The two had been isolated after telling medical personnel that they had been to countries currently fighting Ebola. According to the Capital Journal, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment was contacted due to hospital policy.

Neither patient was tested for the disease, either because they were not showing symptoms consistent with the disease or because they had not actually travelled to a country that is fighting the outbreak.

Fired Kansas Police officer awarded \$1 million by jury verdict

Jurors found the city of McPherson, Kansas had discriminated against a former police officer when the city fired him for being found asleep while on duty because of sleep apnea, according to an Associated Press article.

The city was ordered to pay Matthew Michaels \$921,637, in addition to interest, court costs and attorney fees. The sum amounts to back wages, pain and suffering damages and future wages.

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MIDTERM | Student preparedness, instructor involvement affect outcome



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Kalin Watson, freshman in pre-health, and **Kelsey White**, sophomore in ceramics, study in Hale Library on Wednesday for an American ethnic studies midterm.

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will be on the midterms, so I feel it is our responsibility as students to be prepared.”

It is not only the students who have to prepare themselves for the midterms, but the professors that pass it out

as well.

“I try to prepare my students all semester,” Brimal Paul, professor of geography, said. “Each time we finish a chapter, I will pass out a review sheet with about 20 multiple choice questions to review. Several of the questions form the review sheets

will end up on the test.”

Although Brimal prepares his students from the first day of class for this exam, he said he knows that some take the exam more serious than their peers.

“The effort varies amongst the students,” Paul said. “It is easy to tell the

ones who are well prepared and have studied apart from the ones who just do not care.”

However, not all professors do the preparation for the midterm the way Brimal does.

“Some professors don’t do anything but remind you

about the midterm,” Wiggins said. “As students, we appreciate the ones who give study guides and put on review sessions outside of class.”

Parsons, who’s morning routine consists of studying for his midterms and drinking lots of coffee, said he understands the importance

of this week’s tests and is hoping his preparation will pay off.

“In the majority of classes I have taken, the midterm has been similar in grading points to the final,” Parsons said. “I think the midterm is as equally important as the final.”

UNION | K-State architecture students discuss changes, improvements

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kitchen, windows, furniture and technology all need to be replaced.

The budget is set at \$25 million and, according to van den Kieboom, the Union could use closer to \$50 million in renovations. Due to budget limitations, a majority of what

needs to be determined is what the priorities are.

The Union Renovation Committee is interested in active input from architecture students in particular, espe-

cially during the schematic design phase of the project.

“What we want to do is provide assistance where ever we can,” Jeremy Migneco, sophomore in architecture, said. “Some of the things we discussed were making it feel the way that students want it to feel. A lot of them mentioned that it should be a family room, not a living room,

and to make it feel family-oriented just like our students are.”

Van den Kieboom said he planned on continuing to meet with architecture students in order to get their ideas and allow them to see the process.

“It is such an asset to have students, who understand design and language, help,” Peter van den Kieboom, an

architect for Workshop, said.

Bowman Bowman Novick and Workshop will have a booth in Bosco Student Plaza on Oct. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to talk with K-State students.

“This is K-State’s heart,” Migneco said. “It’d be amazing to have a hand in saying what it looks like, how it feels, and how people use it.”

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Focus Workforces is currently seeking pickers/packers, order selectors and warehouse associates for an Manhattan, KS Manufacturing Facility! We are looking for candidates that possess the desire and the ability to work in a fast pace distribution center. If you are driven and ready for a new challenge we want to interview YOU!

Currently Hiring For:

- Assembly
- General Labor
- Warehouse
- Production Work°
- Entry Level
- Helpers

°All jobs are in Manhattan, KS at Florence Corporation Manufacturing Facility!

All shifts Available:

- 1st°Shift: 7:00am to 3:30pm – Pay = \$9.00/hr.
- 2nd°Shift: 3:30pm to 12:00am – Pay = \$9.50/hr.
- 3rd°Shift: 10:30pm to 7:00am – Pay = \$10.85/hr.

Drug Screen and Background Check **Required.**
Must have reliable transportation.

Apply today at **www.workatfocus.com** or apply in person at the following location:
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